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SUBJ: "SECRET" SPEECH ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

REF: (A) BELGRADE 2650 (NOTAL), (B) BELGRADE 2522 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTES BASED ON SPEECH MADE BY FOREIGN SECRETARY MILOS MINIC ON FEB 13, 1976 AT THE ARMY CLUB IN BELGRADE. THEY WERE CARRIED IN THE APR 1976 ISSUE OF THE "MILITARY-POLITICAL INFORMATOR", WHICH IS PUBLISHED BY THE JNA (THIS "INFORMATOR" IS NOT AVAILABLE ON NEWS STANDS AND IS PROBABLY NOT MEANT FOR FOREIGN EYES). THE SPEECH HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS AND IT APPEARS TO BE AN UNUSUALLY FRANK AND SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT OF YUGOSLAV VIEWS. WE CONFIDENTIAL

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NOTE LJUBICIC AND OTHER SENIOR GENERALS PRESENT. MINIC

CHARGES WESTERN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WITH SUPPORTING EMIGRE TERRORISTS. HE FINDS A "SYNCHRONIZED" ANTI-YUGOSLAV PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN IN THE U.S., AND HE WARNS OF CONTINUED COMINFORMIST ACTIVITY IN SPITE OF ASSURANCES TO THE CONTRARY BY "APPROPRIATE" GOVERNMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. RELATIONS WITH SUPER POWERS. YUGOSLAVIA'S NON-ALIGNED POLICY IS NOT A BALANCING ACT BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS. BUT IT IS NOT INTENDED TO CHALLENGE THE GREAT POWERS, EXCEPT WHERE YUGOSLAVIA'S INTERESTS OR NON-ALIGNED PRINCIPLES ARE IN QUESTION. BOTH SUPERPOWERS ARE IMPELLED TO ATTEMPT TO EXPAND THEIR INFLUENCE, THEREBY INEVITABLY REQUIRING YUGOSLAV REACTION TO DEFEND ITS SOVEREIGNTY. INDIRECTLY REFERRING TO U.S. CRITICISM OF YUGOSLAVIA'S INTERNATIONAL STANDS, MINIC SAYS THAT YUGOSLAVIA MAINTAINS THAT DIFFERENCES ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUE SHOULD NOT AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE NOTES THAT THIS VIEW IS NOT ALWAYS SHARED AND GAVE AS "THE NEWEST EXAMPLE" THE "STRONG DEMARCHE" OF THE U.S. OVER AN ALLEGED SOVIET AIRLIFT TO ANGOLA. HE RESTATES THE YUGOSLAV POSITION, THAT THE YUGOSLAVS NEITHER GAVE PERMISSION FOR SUCH AN AIRLIFT NOR WAS THERE ONE. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN OTHER PRESSURES: "THE AMERICAN PRESS WRITES ESPECIALLY HARSH THINGS ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA. THAT IS ALL SYNCHRONIZED. THE ORDERS ARE GIVEN FROM ONE PLACE AND THEN THE WHOLE MACHINERY FUNCTIONS: INTELLIGENCE, DIPLOMACY, INFORMATION, PROPAGANDA, ETC."

3. RELATIONS WITH THE WEST. RELATIONS ARE IN GENERAL GOOD, BUT TWO PROBLEMS EXIST: "THE ACTIONS OF YUGOSLAV TERRORIST-FASCIST AND OTHER ANTY-YUGOSLAV EMIGRES AND A PERIODIC CAMPAIGN OF PRESSURES ON YUGOSLAVIA." MINIC SAYS THAT "THE FASCIST BANDS...ENJOY THE HOSPITALITY AND ENORMOUS FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT OF INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AND GOVTs OF WESTERN COUNTRIES WITH WHOM WE NOW HAVE GOOD RELATIONS." ON THE EVE OF THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE OF THE NONALIGNED THIS PRESSURE IS PARTICULARLY STRONG. ANOTHER CHARACTERISTIC FORM OF WESTERN PRESSURE IS THE ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT YUGOSLAVIA'S DOMESTIC SYSTEM

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AND FOREIGN POLICY. SUPPORTED BY INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, IT INVOLVES SPREADING FORECASTS OF INSTABILITY IN YUGOSLAVIA, OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE, ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER TITO, ETC.

4. RELATIONS WITH THE EAST. RELATIONS ARE ON THE ASCENT, BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES DEFINED IN THE 1955 BELGRADE DECLARATION. IN THIS CONTEXT MINIC DISCUSSES

THE REACTIVATION OF COMINFORMIST EMIGRES WHO LIVE IN  
EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THEY HAVE TRIED TO CREATE  
A FIFTH COLUMN WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA. MINIC SAYS THAT  
YUGOSLAVIA HAS DISCUSSED THESE ACTIVITIES WITH THE

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APPROPRIATE COUNTRIES AND OBTAINED ASSURANCES THAT THEY  
HAVE NO CONNECTIONS WITH COMINFORMIST ACTIVITIES, DO  
NOT SUPPORT THEM, AND WILL STRENGTHEN THEIR CONTROLS  
OVER THESE EMIGRES. MINIC POINTS IN PARTICULAR TO THE  
"PRAVDA" ARTICLE WHICH DISAVOWED SUPPORT FOR COMINFORMISTS  
IN YUGOSLAVIA. NEVERTHELESS, MINIC SAYS, THERE HAS BEEN  
NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE MOVEMENT OF A  
GROUP OF COMINFORMISTS FROM KIEV TO PARIS: "THEY ARE  
ACTING THE SAME WAY, IT SEEMS, AND ENJOYING THE SAME  
SUPPORT." HE ASSURES HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE GOY WILL  
REMAIN ALERT AND WILL NOT PERMIT THIS PROBLEM TO BE TREATED  
AS A PURELY INTERNAL YUGOSLAV AFFAIR "AS EASTERN EUROPEAN  
COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO TELL US."

5. BULGARIA. THERE CAN BE NO CONFIDENCE BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND BULGARIA UNTIL BULGARIA ABANDONS ITS NATIONALISTIC STAND ON THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION. THERE IS A DEEP SUSPICION THAT THE BULGARIAN POLICY INVOLVES NOT  
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ONLY THE ASSIMILATION OF THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN BULGARIA BUT ALSO TERRITORIAL PRETENSIONS AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA.

6. GREECE. MINIC ALSO NOTES THE EXISTENCE OF PROBLEMS AS A RESULT OF THE GREEK ATTITUDE TOWARD MACEDONIA. BUT HE SAYS THAT RELATIONS ARE FAR BETTER THAN THEY HAD BEEN BEFORE THE FALL OF THE JUNTA, AND THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS DECIDED TO BE PATIENT IN RESOLVING THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION.

7. ROMANIA. ROMANIA DESIRES THE STATUS OF AN OBSERVER IN THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT, BUT IT IS HARD TO SAY WHETHER THEY WILL SUCCEED BECAUSE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN ONE OF THE BLOCS.

8. ALBANIA. RELATIONS HAD BEEN IMPROVING DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS, ESPECIALLY ECONOMICALLY. BUT IN NOVEMBER 1975, ALBANIA REINSTITUTED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA. THIS CHANGE WAS DUE IN PART TO INTERNAL POLITICAL STRESSES WHICH WERE MANIFESTED IN DISUNITY AMONG THE HIGHEST LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY, IN NUMEROUS CADRE CHANGES, "IN THE EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF THEIR MOST OUTSTANDING MILITARY LEADERS," ETC.

9. COMMENT: THIS CONFIRMS WHAT WE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED REF A CONCERNING GOY PERCEPTION OF INTER-ACTION BETWEEN USG AND AMERICAN PRESS. IT SEEMS ALMOST INCREDIBLE YUGOSLAVS SO MISCONCEIVE DYNAMICS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. MISCONCEPTION ARISES AT LEAST IN PART BECAUSE OF IDEOLOGICAL RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT PLURALISTIC NATURE OF "BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY". BUT IN PART IT ALSO REPRESENTS CONTINUING DISPOSITION TO EQUATE IN FALSE SYMMETRICAL FASHION US AND SOVIET UNION FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL PURPOSES. THUS YUGOSLAV INFORMATION OFFICIAL RECENTLY TOLD AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT HERE CIA SUPPORTS USTASHIS JUST AS USSR SUPPORTS COMMUNISTS.

10. AS REF B MAKES CLEAR, GOY WAS PREDISPOSED TO SEE GARMENT AND SONNENFELDT REMARKS AS PART OF OVERALL PRESSURE PLAN ROOTED IN OUR PERCEIVED HOSTILITY TO THEIR NONALIGNED POLICIES.  
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I ONLY WISH WE WERE HALF AS ORGANIZED AS YUGOSLAVS THINK.

11. I SUGGEST SONNENFELDT CALL IN BELOVSKI AND COMPLAIN ABOUT  
MINIC SPEECH. AS I TOLD BERNARDIC REF B, WE WOULD  
UNDOUBTEDLY BE UPSET ABOUT REMARKS MADE IN FOREIGN SECRETARIAT  
CONCERNING U.S. AND THIS WOULD DRIVE POINT HOME. BELOVSKI  
REACTION WOULD BE WORTH PRICE OF ADMISSION.

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